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The Abolitionists have not only been abundantly sustained by the Northern people, but are urged on by them to vigorous & decided measures. We trust that the Government soon will now accomplish the deliverance of the slaves.

There are times when we wish that John Brown and Theodore Parker were living. - They are very hopeful times indeed. Never before has the North been so united! In one purpose, viz. to punish the South soundly and thoroughly for her turbulent, insolent, and traitorous course, the North may be said to be absolutely unanimous. What a wonderful change! There is a North at last and the Southern people are absolutely confounded ^{It is in a large measure the result of the antislavery Education it has had} at the sight. There are now some 25,000 troops in Washington and its immediate vicinity; probably at least 25,000 more within 1 to 2 days' march, Northern troops I mean; not less than 10,000 already at St. Louis, Cairo (Ill.), Pittsburgh, &c., and the work of enrolling, drilling, marching, &c. is ^{still} going on with the greatest eagerness. From a state of profound peace, and a total inexperience of any other condition, we have suddenly burst out into a great enthusiasm for a thorough fight with the Seceding and "Rebellious" States, and there is every prospect that it will be had. The South, I am confident, has got some lessons to learn, it little dreams of, of Northern character and strength. It took Ft. Sumter, 8000 men against 80, & crumpled over it, as it were something wonderful. It confesses itself entirely foiled as to Ft. Pickens (on the Gulf of Mexico), and certainly is so, whether its confession is sincere or not. Ft. Monroe, wh. commands the approach to Richmond, Virginia, is amply garrisoned by U.S. troops. The rebels have lost the golden moment for an attack on Washington, & are daily getting more & more shut up. A thorough blockade of all their ports will be at once established.